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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE STATE LIBRARY,  
MAY 23 1896  
TOWN OF SOUTH HAMPTON,  
No. ....

FROM MARCH 13th, 1860, TO MARCH 7th, 1861.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 13, 1860,	\$6 56
Received of the Collector of 1860,	1561 95
“ “ “ “ 1859,	74 50
“ “ “ “ 1858,	18 34
“ “ “ County for support of John Armstrong,	151 15
Literary Fund,	33 90
Received State Railroad Tax for 1860,	1 17
“ of Thomas J. Goodwin by note	250 00
“ of Ebenezer Woodman for hay, wood, &c., furnished while sick with small pox,	14 66
“ of Benjamin F. Hill for wood,	2 68
“ for grass in Burying ground,	3 50
“ “ “ at Pool and beach,	5 00
Whole amount of Receipts,	\$2123 41

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$207 88
“ “ “ “ 2,	130 87
“ “ “ “ 3,	78 82
“ “ “ “ 4,	48 40
“ State Tax,	151 90
“ County Tax,	316 87
“ For the support of John Armstrong,	189 25
“ Jeremiah W. Eaton school-house tax,	327 35
“ Charles Fuller, services as Collector,	33 77
“ “ “ as Superintending School Committee,	15 00
“ “ “ for Tax bills,	2 50
“ School Commissioner for 1860,	8 68
“ Wm. H. Huse & Co. for printing reports,	10 00

Paid	Charles H. Sawyer, services as sexton,	15 00
"	" " " for wood and broom,	1 28
"	expense of obtaining money from County, in case of John Armstrong,	5 00
"	expense of sending money to Concord,	2 00
"	for support of watering trough,	3 00
"	non-resident highway orders,	16 56
"	for Bridge plank,	8 84
"	abatement on taxes for 1858,	6 50
"	" " " for 1859,	11 94
"	" " " for 1860,	4 31
"	Alfred Jewell, services as town clerk,	15 00
"	Moses Flanders for labor on highway,	19 82
"	Charles H. Sawyer, " on "	4 35
"	John T. Currier, labor and lumber,	8 85
"	George H. A. Brown for labor,	80
"	Andrew J. Currier, for labor on highway,	9 12
"	Philips White, " " " "	7 62
"	John Paige, " " " "	7 68
"	John C. Evans, " " " "	18 87
"	Ephraim Clifford, labor and lumber,	43 26
"	Benjamin B. Brown, labor and lumber,	23 15
"	for obtaining reports,	2 00
"	Frederick B. French for repairs on town house,	79
"	expense of marking bound rock at Pool,	3 25
"	B. B. Brown services as Selectman and Treasurer,	15 00
"	B. B. Brown, house room and stationery,	12 00
"	do do making extra inventory,	1 00
"	do inventory assessing tax in school Dist. No. 1,	2 25
"	do calling meeting for choice of electors,	1 50
"	for enrolling soldiers and returning same	4 00
"	postage on letters,	06
"	J. J. Woodman, for services as selectman,	12 00
"	" " for making extra inventory,	1 00
"	" " for do and assessing tax in school District No. 1,	2 25
"	calling meeting for choice of electors,	1 50
"	Ephraim Clifford, services as Selectman,	12 00
"	do making extra inventory,	1 00
"	do making inventory and assessing tax in school District No. 1,	2 25
"	calling meeting for choice of electors,	1 50
"	Thomas J. Goodwin, interest on note	8 22

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Whole amount, \$1837 81



## REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICERS.

The undersigned having been called upon in the early part of the year to attend to a case of small pox, would make the following report:

Paid Miles Evans, for taking care of Ebenezer Woodman,	75 00
Dr. Sparhawk for attendance and medicine,	30 35
Dr. Hurd for vaccination,	30 00
Ephraim Clifford as per bill,	4 00
Richard White 1 cord of wood,	4 37
B. F. Hill for time and service rendered,	17 68
B. B. Brown as per bill,	4 85
Alva Wood for counsel,	1 00
L. A. Bly for washing,	4 00
Thomas Sawyer for supplies and service rendered,	16 13
Charles Fuller for supplies,	6 30
John Kimball for do	10 46
Thomas J. Goodwin for hay,	9 77
Jeremiah W. Eaton as per bill	39

Whole amount      \$214 30

## Statement of the Finances of the Town.

Whole amount of Receipts,	\$2123 41	
“ “ of Expenditures,	2052 11	
	Cash on hand,	71 30
The town owes Thomas J. Goodwin,		300 00
Amount of State, County, town and school taxes committed to the Collector,	1271 45	
Of which he has paid the Treasurer,	1234 60	
	Due from him,	36 85
Amount of school house tax committed to Coll'r,	417 29	
Of which he has paid the Treasurer,	327 35	
	Due from him.	89 94
Due from Collector of 1859,		74
“ “ “ of 1858,		9 87
“ “ “ of 1857,		2 61
“ from State as Railroad tax,		12 00
“ from Richard Currier for grass on burying ground,		25
“ “ Nathaniel Smith for old bridge timber		1 25
“ “ from County of Rockingham,		38 10

# RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of indebtedness	\$389 94
“ “ of assets,	262 91
Balance against the town,	\$127 03.

BENJAMIN B. BROWN,	} Selectmen.
JOHN J. WOODMAN,	
EPHRAIM CLIFFORD,	
	} of
	} South Hampton.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

MOSES EATON, JR.	} Auditors.
WM. F. TOWLE,	
THOMAS SAWYER,	

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The undersigned having been appointed overseer of the poor for the year 1860, has the pleasure of saying that no money has been paid for the support of the poor during the year and that he has had no application coming within the scope of his official duty, and that he makes no charge for the performance of his duty in looking after those who he thought might need aid during the winter.

BENJAMIN B. BROWN.



# REPORT

OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

From March 1st, 1860 to March 1st, 1861.

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The rapid march of time having brought us to the close of another school year, your Committee would respectfully submit the following REPORT to the town:—

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—JOHN PAIGE. Money apportioned for the district, \$207.88. Teacher—Mr. GEORGE W. FRENCH, a resident of the town. The first term commenced April 30th, and continued 12 weeks, ending July 20th; the second term commenced Sept. 10th, and continued 19 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$25.00. Scholars 4 years of age and upwards attending first term, 57; average attendance, 44. Second term, number attending not less than two weeks, 52; average attendance, 33. The studies pursued in the school were, Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Physiology, Book-Keeping, and Philosophy. The school is well supplied with text-books, globe, &c., and has a library of 19 volumes. The Prudential Committee visited the school both terms. The progress made in this school was good. Mr. French is esteemed by the district as a good citizen and faithful teacher. In his remarks he says:—

“During the second term there were 7 scholars that did not attend the first term, making the whole number of different scholars for the year, 64. During the first term there were 4 scholars that were not absent one-half day, viz.: R. Ellen Eaton, Emily F. Follansbee, Lewis F. Woodman and Albert L. Woodman. The last two were not absent or tardy during the same term,—the last one being but five years of age. I have been pleased to welcome, from time to time, several of the parents of the district to visit the school. This is as it should be; for what is more near and dear to them than their children? Therefore it should be their first and chief aim to see how they are getting along, and to co-operate with the teacher for the welfare of the scholars. I hope that those who have visited the school from time to time, instead of finding it a tiresome task, have found it a source of pleasure.”

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—G. W. FITTS. Money apportioned, \$130.87. Teacher both terms—Miss ABBIE MARIA BLODGETT, of Kensington. The first term commenced April 16th, and continued 11 weeks; second term commenced July 21st, and continued 16 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$19.00. Scholars 4 years of age and upwards attending not less than 2 weeks, first term, 33; second term, 34; average attendance during the year, 29. Four scholars in this school during the first term were not ab-

sent one-half day; they were Agnes D. Goodwin, Ada E. Goodwin, Ella A. Colcord, and Sarah L. Rowell. Your Committee record their names with pleasure; they deserve commendation from Committee and parents for their punctuality. Thirty-four scholars made Reading a study, 26 Spelling, 17 Penmanship, 7 Grammar, 18 Geography, 2 Physiology, 1 Algebra.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—W. F. TOWLE. Money apportioned, \$78.82. Teacher—Miss SOPHILA J. FOYE, of Rye. The length of the school was 25 weeks, with a vacation of 4 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$14.00. The whole number of scholars attending, 4 years of age and upwards, not less than two weeks, was 13; average attendance during the year, 9. Three scholars under 4 years of age attended who were not registered. The studies pursued were Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Physiology, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and Composition. This is the second year Miss Foye has had charge of this school, with good success; she had a kind disposition, an earnest desire to excel, and won the love of her scholars and the esteem of the district. The Prudential Committee visited the school. The teacher in her remarks, says:—

"The number of pupils attending school in this district remain about the same as the preceding year,—the places of those who have left being filled by those who have lately come into the district. Although the large amount of absence from sickness, farm labor and other causes has retarded the progress of the scholars very much, yet I think there has been progress in the branches taught. It has been my pleasure to welcome to our school-room the majority of the parents of my pupils. Yet I am sorry to say that all have not visited us. We should hardly approve the wisdom of that farmer who would procure the services of a man, *hired cheap*, and yet never examine his work to see whether it were well done. And could that wisdom excite greater approbation, which permitted children to attend school without once visiting them, to see whether the mind of the child was receiving the seeds of good or evil? Let parents and friends come to the school-room, let teacher and scholars feel that a lively interest is taken in their welfare. May they speak the word of warning or give the smile of approbation, and we think the result would prove the efficiency of the means."

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee—J. T. CURRIER. Money apportioned for the district, \$48.40. The school in this district is united with District No. 3, in Newton. Teacher, summer term—Miss ANNIE H. BARTLETT. The school commenced April 30th, and continued 16 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$15.00. Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending not less than 2 weeks, 6; average attendance, 4. Six pupils made Reading a study, 5 Spelling, 2 Penmanship, 3 Arithmetic, 3 Grammar, and 1 Composition. Miss Bartlett has had charge of this school two years, and succeeded well as a teacher. Your Committee would congratulate her on her new relations in life, and hope they will be both pleasant and happy.

The *Winter Term* commenced Oct. 29th, and continued 11 weeks. This term was taught by Mr. ABRAHAM SANBORN. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$28.00. Number of scholars attending from this town, 4; average attendance, 3; last year it was less than 2. The studies pursued the same as the first term. The school in this district is a *good school*,—the order was excellent, and the scholars made good improvement. It is hoped that more *interest* will be taken in the school by the parents in this portion of the district.



## REMARKS.

The past year the School Registers have been neatly kept and accurately filled out by the teachers.

The whole amount of money expended for schooling was four hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents.

Number of different scholars attending school, 117. Money apportioned for each scholar, \$4.00.

The parents and friends have interested themselves in visiting the schools the past year. The number of visits has been, in District No. 1, 91; District No. 2, 13; District No. 3, 32; District No. 4, 15. The presence of the parents in the school-room is a means of promoting an interest in the school. They encourage both teacher and scholars in acts of well-doing, and awaken in themselves an interest not otherwise felt. Parents have evinced their interest in the schools by visiting them repeatedly. The Commissioner remarked that he met more parents and friends in the school in District No. 1, than in any other school he had visited in the county.

One of the greatest evils with which our schools are affected, is tardiness and irregularity. During the school of 31 weeks, 353 instances of tardiness are noted. Is this a small matter? Should not children attend school every day in order to be interested in their studies? Scholars who absent themselves from school lose that which is more valuable than gold; they occasion a loss which time can never repair. Parents alone can remedy the evil.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary has been placed in the schools in Districts No. 1 and No. 4. If it should be placed in the other schools in town it would be a wise investment, and would hereafter pay a good percentage. It is necessary that scholars as well as teachers should have some standard of reference for pronunciation. It would be a great benefit, we believe, to both teacher and scholar, if the teacher should make use of this educational aid.

In District No. 1 a new and commodious school-house has been erected, which is noted for its architectural beauty and symmetry. It will rival any in the county or State for beauty and convenience. The seats and desks are constructed in the most approved modern style, and it is well ventilated, and supplied with black-boards. There are two entries, in each of which is a sink; and, indeed, nothing has been omitted by the building committee, which could render the building convenient, healthy and ornamental. Its situation is pleasant, and is surrounded by ample space for play-ground.

The above school-house has been built, *not without* a great effort on the part of many in the district. Yet with much pride and satisfaction may the parents look at this neat building, and be assured that it is worthy of its high and noble object,—that of educating their children for the duties of this life, and for the enjoyment of the life to come. We trust it will have an elevating influence on the minds of the scholars; for they have a place healthy both to body and mind. Such a situation cannot fail to exert a strong influence on the morals and deportment of the pupils. We trust it will make them tidy and tasteful in their deportment at school and at home.

It is a source of regret to your Committee that he should have to call the attention of the parents in District No. 2, to the condition of their school. At the commencement of the school in the spring it bid fair to be successful. But as the school progressed it became disorderly. The teacher tried hard to maintain order and teach her scholars, but her efforts were not crowned with perfect success. Some of the scholars appeared well, and made good improvement, but the general appearance of the school was not what it should have been. The fault may be attributed to too much indulgence on the part of teachers for two or three years past; or the want of interest on the part of *parents* to co-operate with the teacher in her plans for the improvement of the

school. Outside influences sometimes do not accord with those in the school-room, and thus destroy the good of the school. Your Committee trust that the parents in this district, amidst the multiplicity of their business concerns, will not forget their school,—that it is not *enough* to provide a teacher, but they should have an interest in its future prosperity; and the children, so far as order is concerned, if they would see their school prosper, *should* give better *heed* to the requirements of their teacher.

Nearly, if not quite, one-fourth of the entire inhabitants of the town, during the school season, are under instruction in the school-room. They are that portion of the community who are most susceptible to impressions for good or evil. The influence exerted in the school-room has an important bearing upon their future lives. They are those who are to take the places of their fathers and mothers. Hence the moral training of the young *should not* be forgotten. Our law-makers have made it the duty of teachers to impress upon the minds of their pupils principles of piety and justice, a sacred regard for truth, and all other virtues.

This is a noble law; be it enforced. No parent would ask more, no one should be satisfied with less. These principles should be inculcated in every lesson taught, by familiar conversation with the pupils; and the teacher should aim to excel in the virtues he recommends to others, and guard well the tender plants from the blight of sin.

Says a distinguished friend of education:—"The human race has been struggling from the earliest period of its history towards a government of equal rights, under the control of sound moral principle. But unless we have a larger infusion of the principles of Christianity into our system of education, it is a goal we shall never reach; and the revulsion, when it comes, will be tremendous. Our institutions grew out of religious principles, from religious principles they took their form, by religious principles they have been thus far sustained, and in respect to them the checking of this principle would be like girdling the tree of the forest—stop the sap and the tree is dead."

CHARLES FULLER,

Superintending School Committee.

South Hampton, March 11th, 1861.





